

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Meadow-Mice.

We can always tell when there are meadow-mice in a field by the little foot-paths winding in and out among the grass-roots. These paths are usually rather lower than the surrounding grass, and are used chiefly at night, when the mice come out to feed upon wild bulbs, grass-roots, berries and insects. The little rodents have many enemies, owls perhaps being the worst of all. Domestic cats get a great many of these mice, and of course hawks capture a great many of those which venture forth in the daytime. The mice themselves are harmless creatures, except perhaps in very cold weather,

A Christmas Game.

In the Christmas number of the Cosmopolitan, Mr. John Brisben Walker describes a new game for evening entertainment. A series of human virtues are put down on a card and each of these is to be rated at a maximum value of 10 except good humor and amiability, which is rated 30.

The twenty-six qualities are as follows:

I. Truth	10
II. Sincerity	10
III. Judgment	10
IV. Self Control	10
V. Courage	10
VI. Stamina, staying qualities, perseverance	10
VII. Energy	10
VIII. Education	10

CHINESE GIRLS IN SCHOOL.



(Courtesy of Biblical Recorder.)

MISS HARTWELL'S SCHOOL AT TUNG CHOW.

when they have been known to destroy the fruit trees by gnawing the bark just above the snow-line. They are gentle in disposition, and although I have picked up hundreds of them with my bare hands, they have seldom bitten me unless I happened to squeeze them a little too hard.

The best-known representative of the American long-tailed mice is unquestionably the white-footed, or deer, mouse. This is one of the commonest as well as one of the most beautiful of the four-footed animals in this country. Unlike the meadow-mouse, it is a creature of the woodland, and "wood-mouse" is the name by which it is known in many places. Among the surest signs of its presence are the empty shells of the hickory-nuts, which form a considerable part of its food. These shells may always be distinguished from those which have been opened by squirrels by the manner in which they have been cut. In nearly all cases it will be found that there are two holes in the shell—one in each of the two flat sides—and very often one of these holes is larger than the other. When you find a shell opened in this way you may be sure that white-footed mice are near by. Hunt for them in old stone-heaps, decayed logs, holes in trees, and especially in old birds' nests.—November Woman's Home Companion.

IX. Mental capacity, grasp of ideas	10
X. Justice, love of justice	10
XI. Tact	10
XII. All-round ability, efficiency	10
XIII. Executive power	10
XIV. Regard for neighbors' rights	10
XV. Kindliness	10
XVI. Egotism	10
XVII. Self-reliance	10
XVIII. Ability to avail one's self of the wisdom of others	10
XIX. Overconfidence	10
XX. Good looks	10
XXI. Companionable qualities	10
XXII. Good manners	10
XXIII. Good taste in dress	10
XXIV. Charm of manner, attractiveness, personal magnetism	10
XXV. Cheerfulness, viewing life from the bright side or taking the brightest view of life	10
XXVI. Good humor	30

A person is selected and each of these qualities is voted on at figures from one to ten. These are then averaged and then the next quality is voted on. At the end of the voting the averages are summed up. For any one person it may be 100, 200 or 280, the latter being the maximum. If a company of people play at the game it makes a very good way to find the estimate of how each stands in the estimation of the others.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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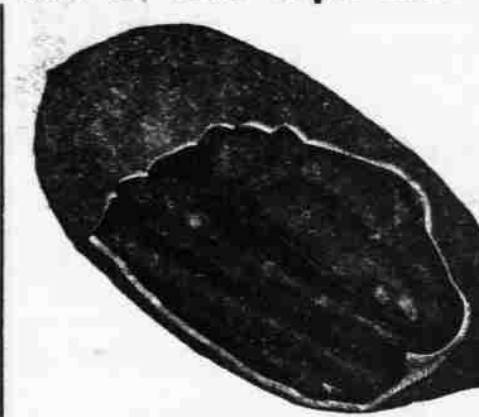
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